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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Now that the economy is in a recession, with massive layoffs all over the US, and the NASDAQ is way down with no relief in sight, why pursue additional litigation with Microsoft? Let the settlement stand the way it is. It is more than fair for the competition.

Microsoft went out of its way to reach an agreement, beyond what would be expected in any antitrust case. They agreed to everything from disclosing various internal interfaces to making it easier for computer companies, consumers and software developers to promote their software within Windows. I do not know a lot of software companies that would risk their proprietary information and their business, unless they really wanted to settle their antitrust court cases.

Let's get our economy back in shape and quit running after Microsoft.
Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Spilker

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